Remodelling of old constructions on prime locations in Metropolitan Cities

130. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that old constructions on prime locations in the four metropolitan cities and other major cities in the country have rendered large pockets of real estate futile;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey to assess the value and quantum of prime land remaining unutilised and unexploited;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) whether Government propose to remodel and reorient construction in identified pockets to fully exploit the real estate potential so as to enhance the number of dwelling units threat and to generate additional revenue by way of rent and tax?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) Land is a State subject. It is for the State Governments and the local administrations to take appropriate steps to make effective utilization of the land available under their respective jurisdiction in accordance with their priorities, local requirements and financial availability.

As regards the Government land under the control of this Ministry is concerned, in Delhi and Land and Development Office and the Delhi Development Authority take care of the land under their control whereas the land outside Delhi is under the care and maintenance of the Central Public Works Department. These units are taking steps to prepare inventory of land under their control and their status.

Covering of the open Najafgarh drain

131. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work relating to the covering of the open Najafgarh drain between Dabri crossing and Madhu Vihar in Sector 6 of the Dwarka sub-city has been allotted to a private agency;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether work on the project has since started;

(d) if so, the progress made in regard thereto; and

(e) by when, the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Delhi Development Authority has informed that the work of covering the Palam Drain (not Najafgarh drain) has been awarded to M/s Ansal Properties and Industries Ltd.

(b) The total length of the drain to be covered is 2.30 Kilometres. After covering the existing Palam drain, 45 Meter right of way of road will be constructed.

(c) and (d) The work has already been started and the present progress is around 30%.

(e) The project is likely to be completed in about one year's time.

Underground drainage in Mahaboobnagar, Andhra Pradesh

132. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accorded clearance for 15 kilometre long under-ground drainage in Mahaboobnagar in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned for this project;

(c) by when the work on the project is likely to commence; and

(d) the date for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have informed that there is no such proposal for 15 kilometre long underground drainage in Mahaboobnagar and for which Government have accorded its clearance.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.